

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, August 29, 2006

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 29, 2006, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D.; Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Ms. Debra Dillard, Citizens Assistance Office; and Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director; present.

At 2:11 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Lovell who stated she was pleased today to make a presentation to a special friend and invited Ms. Kathy Foster to the podium. Council Member Lovell further stated that when she met Ms. Foster she was taking care of children no one else wanted in the early days of HIV and AIDS and was proud today to present Ms. Foster with a Proclamation recognizing her for her recent induction into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, selected because of her leadership, commitment to children of Texas and for founding Casa de Esperanza de Los Ninos; and presented her a Proclamation proclaiming August 29, 2006, as "Kathy Foster Day" in Houston, Texas; and Ms. Foster thanked all who made Casa possible and gave children a place to live and food to eat. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Holm stated that the Houston community was blessed with an incredible arts program in different communities and today wanted to recognize the Country Playhouse and invited Mr. John Dunne, artistic director of the Country Playhouse Theater, to the podium. Council Member Holm further stated that Country Playhouse was founded in early 1956 and was the oldest, continuously producing theater and its 50 years of history was being celebrated at this time and the City of Houston congratulated them on this important occasion and extended best wishes of continued success; and presented Mr. Dunne a Proclamation proclaiming August 29, 2006, as "Country Playhouse Theater Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Alvarado, Lovell, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that Houston was an international city and was recognized all over the world as the best environment for all communities to come together and live together and last month Houston received the 50th Anniversary Award from Sister Cities International recognizing Houston's Sister City Programs for its long term sustainability of sister city relationships and its tangible commitment to sister cities mission; and invited Ms. Angelica Schmidt Lane, past president and Ms. Ellen Goldberg, present president of Sister City Houston to the podium; and congratulated Mayor White on the Protocol Office, one of the finest offices in the City of Houston; and Ms. Goldberg stated that 2006 was the 50th anniversary of the Sister Cities movement and in addition to Houston receiving the anniversary award Ms. Schmidt Lane, Harry Gee and Wolfgang Schmidt received the distinguished volunteers award; and on behalf of the Sister Cities of Houston dedicated the award to the City of Houston for assistance provided by Protocol Alliance and for the International Alliance and Protocol Committee. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Wiseman, Holm, Lovell and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that it was his honor to invite members of the Houston Chapter of the National Arab-American Medical Association to the podium; and a spokesperson stated that the Arab-American Medical Association was a nationwide charitable organization of Arab-American healthcare workers with a mission of charity, education and cultural awareness and were honored today to present a donation to the City of Houston in support of the Katrina Rita Relief Fund and presented Mayor White with a check for \$17,000.00. Council Members Johnson, Lovell and Berry absent.

Council Members thanked those with the National Arab-American Medical Association for all they did and for sharing compassion for all; that they were a model organization. Council Member Lovell absent.

Mayor White stated that during the last summer he went with over 90 Houstonians to try and develop jobs for the community in China and while there they found great human stories and invited Miss Sanghong Lintakoon, Miss Luyun Chen, Miss Cindy Ou and Miss Annie Ou to the podium and stated that there was a school program outside of Beijing in which they organized a program for their counterparts in China and shared knowledge and learning of English and what they had in common; and thanked them for being ambassadors for Houston not only for service but leadership; that the camp they organized was very impressive; and a spokesperson stated that they were honored to be present and thanked all for their support, it was nice to see Mayor White and Council Member Edwards coming and supporting and now they were invited back for a winter camp but would not be able to go because of their school breaks, but they did request to establish a sister school relationship with a school in Houston. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that one privilege of District D was working with young people in the district and she met a young lady, Miss Andrea Martinez, who had an incredible voice and invited her to the podium to sing a birthday presentation to the City of Houston; and Miss Martinez stated that she was 15 years old and a sophomore at HTBA and sang in Spanish. Council Member Lovell absent.

Council Members agreed Ms. Martinez had great potential and a promising future; and enjoyed her singing very much. Council Member Lovell absent.

At 2:31 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and called on Council Member Lawrence who led all in the prayer and pledge. Council Members Johnson and Berry absent.

At 2:32 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Johnson absent.

Council Members Khan and Alvarado moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Holm absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that Council Member Berry wanted to have one public discussion of an assignment which he thought his would be the appropriate committee to undertake, but it could be a joint committee hearing including Finance Committee and Flooding and Drainage Committee and he hoped public hearings could be conducted; that he spent much time trying to understand questions and issues on the water and sewer system more than anything else except for the exceptions of TIRZ and Katrina; that there was a vote last week on not putting it under a cap based on volumes of water as well as revenues and he did not think going forward on the Charter amendment precluded citizens from talking to each other to see if there was a problem which needed to be fixed; and he would ask that if there was a problem with the water and sewer system hearings be held; and he was asking them to consider the meeting in an appropriate time. Council Member Holm absent.

Council Member Edwards stated that for the Flooding and Drainage Committee she had no problem and did think it was needed. Council Member Holm absent.

Council Member Edwards moved that the rules be suspended for the purpose of moving Ms. Jean Wilkins-Dember and Mr. Pete Vella to the top of the Non- Agenda speakers list, seconded

by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Brown absent on vacation. Council Members Holm and Wiseman absent. MOTION 2006-0763 ADOPTED

The City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Members Holm and Wiseman absent.

Mr. Mengistu Demessie, 7214 Heart Creek, Humble, Texas 77346 (713-649-4145) appeared and stated that he was manager of National Cab Company and was speaking on behalf of the shared taxi ride, it was cheaper and faster; and he asked for the chance to have that from both airports. Council Member Holm absent.

Ms. Leigh Hollins, 2009 Kane, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-861-4337) appeared and stated that at last Wednesday's hearing on the civility ordinance reasons were given why the Sixth Ward needed the tool to protect the health and safety of citizens and help with the economic development of the Washington Avenue corridor; that Council Member Garcia was for the ordinance and urged Council to follow his lead and approve it. Council Members Johnson, Khan and Holm absent.

Council Member Garcia thanked Ms. Hollins for coming and stated that it was a tough issue but a good tool and he was supporting the item. Council Members Johnson, Khan and Holm absent.

Mr. Vince Ryan, 3720 Blue Bonnet, Houston, Texas (713-661-1941) appeared, presented information to the Mayor and Council Members and stated that he was representing Liberty Cab and had been here previously but never heard from Aviation, no questions were ever asked despite many packages were delivered to Council Members which included the study recommending multiple providers; and urged Council study the recommendation, the issue of competition and review the options. Council Members Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that as chair of the MWBE Committee he looked at issues more with an economic development focus and from all he spoke with people were looking for more business opportunities to be opened and this went against what was being proposed, an exclusive contract; that he understood Liberty was not accepted because they could not do what was wanted right a way, but no opportunity was given to them to get there; and upon questions, Mr. Ryan stated that the reality was the proposal presented by Liberty Cab did have a reasonable amount of time in which to provide the service asked for, a company would not have a fleet waiting but they did meet the requirements of the RFP; and they had felt the review committee should have had open meetings and had also suggested splitting the two airports with the smaller company taking Hobby and then have both companies reviewed after a period of time. Council Member Holm absent.

Upon questions by Council Member Berry, Mr. Ryan stated that he read Lee Fisher's report and it recommended more than one provider; and Council Member Berry stated that Mr. Fisher came to committee and he would disagree, but the RFP did recommend one vendor; and upon further questions, Mr. Ryan stated that they were going to court, but had not received information yet from Aviation; that he thought committee meetings not being open was a huge problem and also they had a very good Aviation Department with a very good director, but good strong directors had strong opinions and many cities had multiple providers and they felt the director wanted a sole provider from day one. Council Member Holm absent.

Mr. Jerry Brady, 827 E. Rogers, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-775-6125) appeared and stated that he was president of Liberty Cab and there was a better solution and method and way to provide shared ride with a reduced price for airport shuttle service than the exclusive

monopoly contract on this week's agenda and he would propose an innovative, effective program be granted a 12 month trial period for the service; that current shuttle service providers be allowed to continue to operate to and from hotels as they currently were; that all other airport shared ride service be provided by 7 passenger extended mini vans meeting special signage qualifications and being operated by specially qualified license taxicab drivers; that the starter personnel to greet arriving passengers at both airports would be city employees, as they should be, either provided by the Aviation Department or Transportation Section of F & A; that all taxicab companies could participate in transporting passengers via the shared ride shuttle program if their vehicles and drivers met qualification standards set by the City of Houston; that shared ride vehicles would post as a shared ride shuttle at the airport stand-by area and be called up as needed to load saving valuable curb space in front of terminals and customers could request the company of their choice thereby giving competition and free enterprise a chance in the shared ride market; that all companies having 24-hour radio dispatch could qualify to provide shared ride shuttle service to the airports using only qualified, specially identified vehicles and qualified drivers and that would give the customer the opportunity to choose the company which provided the best service and keep competition alive for good service levels in the airport shuttle market; that all rates for shared ride shuttle service would be set by the City of Houston and any driver operating and not charging the approved rate would be removed from the program and he would recommend the rate be 1/2 the current taxicab zone rate plus a person pickup fee adequate to reimburse the city for the cost of administration, city personnel and to allow them to make a profit on the program; and there would be no need to issue a contract. Mayor White, Council Members Holm and Green absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Khan stated that he valued Mr. Brady's company also, but as a policy making body it was not his concern who got the contract, but that the process for fair and good for the City of Houston; that this was almost three years now and no one in Aviation ever answered his question as to why a monopoly was good for citizens, all consultant reports said there should be more than one and yet they were not following it; and he hoped someone would come before this body and explain why a monopoly was good. Mayor White, Council Members Holm and Green absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Garcia, Mr. Brady stated that he was never specifically told why they were rejected, but he put in his number and though it was not the one being requested over a period of time they could get them, they were able to get regular vans, but the alternative fuel vehicles and those for the physically challenged would be ordered; and they were active in shared ride shuttle services with others through the years and had a lot of experience with the routing and scheduling process. Mayor White, Council Members Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Upon questions by Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Mr. Brady stated that he did make presentations to the committee which reviewed the RFP's and made the determination and they asked questions, but he did not recall any regarding the number of vehicles. Mayor White, Council Members Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Mr. Bradshaw Hovey, 744 1/2 E. 9th, Houston, Texas 77007 (713-503-9879) appeared and stated that he was an assistant professor of urban planning and environmental policy at the Barbara Jordan Mickey Leeland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern and speaking regarding support from the City of Houston on an update and implementation campaign for their community revitalization plan, Item 24, thanked members of Housing and Community Development for support of this to date and stated it was updating an already good plan, and extraordinary opportunity for students to gain experience in hands on planning and to create a

model on effective planning to be used throughout the City of Houston. Mayor White, Council Members Johnson, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry presiding.

Council Member Brown stated that their committee was very enthusiastic about this and hopefully would get full support of Council tomorrow; and upon questions, Mr. Hovey stated that the approach he was involved in was basically to bring together all people in relation to the community and identify what was needed and set a list of immediate priorities. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Jean Wilkins-Dember, 2612 Rosewood, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-942-0533) appeared and stated that on May 16, 2006, a coalition on zero tolerance of police brutality appeared before Council and they supported the police of preventing police from killing citizens; and an all citizen review board was needed. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to be clear; and upon questions, Ms. Dember stated that she was speaking of the policy to prevent police chasing and drawing of their guns; and Council Member Edwards suggested that Ms. Dember submit to the Public Safety Committee to have the issue reviewed and it would be more proactive and get a more immediate response. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Green stated that the committee planned to meet with city local delegation and talk about the legislative package they wanted to pursue; that they could pass a resolution but it would not do anything all they could do was pass a policy saying no police brutality and it was already the policy. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mr. Pete Vella, 6625 Lyons, Houston, Texas 77020 (713-231-3999) appeared and stated that he was from Denver Harbor and speaking on the Lyons Street project as it was ruining businesses and he hoped something could be done to compensate. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Garcia stated that when street reconstruction projects occurred it was both a blessing and curse, it was needed many years, but it was a difficult process and he asked Mr. Norman to see that the travel on Lyons made sense and he was asking Public Works to reassess also; that all businesses there were hurting and he and the Mayor spoke of this, but it seemed there was never anyway to compensate small businesses and he was looking for low or no interest loans for businesses, but the one thing accomplished on this project was it was to take well over a year and it might be completed by the end of this year, the construction company had a very good track record; and reassured Mr. Vella this had not fallen on deaf ears; and Mr. Vella stated that they had been established 26 years and this was poorly planned. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Brown stated that it was hard with two lanes of traffic and all infrastructure construction projects the city did had to have a traffic management plan and a better job could be done; and Mr. Vella stated that on the fifth they were foreclosing on his

building. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that she would like Mr. Vella to speak with Mr. Norman with Public Works; and no one want him to lose his business. Mayor White, Acting Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Johnson stated that they did need to come before Council and being actively involved helped the city create better policies; and his staff was checking to see if there was money. Mayor White, Acting Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mr./Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Betty Peacock, 4022 Teal Run Meadow, Fresno, Texas 77454 (281-431-3036) appeared and stated that she was with Heart to Heart Ministries located at 8001 S. Kirkwood, Suite B, for the past six months and were still not able to get electricity on; that they were approved but City Code Enforcement was not allowing it and they needed direction. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Khan stated that Ms. Peacock had done a wonderful job especially working with Katrina and they would try and work with her to see what could be done; and asked if someone from Neighborhood Protection could visit with her; and Council Member Edwards stated that Mr. Aiken in Public Works was present and would speak with him. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, Houston, Texas 77050 (281-449-5232) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Savannah Taplin, 474 Corvette, Houston, Texas 77060 (832-883-0949) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mrs. Calista Cheeks, 12221 S. Kirkwood #1209, Houston, Texas 77477 (281-491-3344) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mr. Arthur Cheeks, 12221 S. Kirkwood #1209, Houston, Texas 77477 (281-491-3344) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Zcataline Branley, 2611 Kodiak Court, Houston, Texas 77067 (281-330-3413) appeared and stated that she was with Women In Action and they had a redevelopment program they needed assistance with and hoped the City of Houston would help; that it consisted of shelter for the homeless and they saw businesses closed down, buildings all over the City of Houston and were trying to get them to give the homeless something to do and somewhere to go; that there was a redevelopment program and felt it would help the crime rate go down. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Ms. Branley stated that she had not met with anyone with the Homeless Coalition; that they had made phone calls but received no return calls; and Council Member Edwards stated that Ms. Dillard would meet with her at this time and she would like her to meet with Mr. Anthony Love and the Homeless Coalition to see if she could partner. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mr. Roger Smith, 5010 Wylie, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-674-4881) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Joyce Day, 13628 Timber West, Conroe, Texas 77304 (832-259-7687) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Mr. Steven Williams, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Tiffany Drakes, 3222 1/2 Bringhurst, Houston, Texas 77016 (281-590-6070) appeared, presented information and stated that she wanted to especially thank Council Members Johnson, Brown and Lovell for all their support; that she was trying to change her life and get off the streets and was requesting help; that once someone found out she was a felon she was turned away, but many wanted to change and do better and would like assistance. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that it was a brave person who could stand before a microphone and say they wanted to change their life and needed help, the first step was the hardest and she had done that. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Johnson stated that he was extremely proud of her for coming before Council, it took much courage and energy to get her to that point; that he knew help was not always forthcoming and it was because of community support that she was protected and saved; and he asked those present to stand to be recognized; and further stated that the support asked for was needed to get her off and keep her off the streets; and wanted to let Council know it was not an isolated problem and often times it was the Johns coming from other districts to pick her up and this needed to be looked at hard on how to put programs out there to help. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman,

Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Kathryn Griffin, 2513 N. MacGregor Drive, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-877-8933) appeared and stated that she thanked Council Members Johnson, Brown and Lovell for their efforts in wanting to help cleanup the streets; that the activity of prostitution was there but jail was not always a solution, only a revolving door; that most had no job skills and did what they could; and another issue was HIV with 9 out of 10 prostitutes in the Fifth Ward area alone being positive HIV and if the men who came from all areas of the city contracted it and passed it to their wives it was a major issue and she needed programs to help them find a new way of life; that she was living proof anyone could change and Houston could make national history and support prevention programs to slow down HIV. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Edwards stated that the City of Houston did have HIV prevention and she agreed with her in spirit but they did not do treatment, only prevention. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Lovell stated that she was extremely proud of her and there was a wonderful program through the Houston Community College which was very successful and if she would enroll and work hard what she was asking for would happen, she would get an education and be able to work; and presented her the information. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to thank them all for coming; that everyone needed a guardian angel and they had some on City Council; and urged them to change their lives and be happy. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding.

Ms. Delores Defafose, 12912 Edgehill Drive, Houston, Texas 77049 (281-458-7516) appeared and stated that she was with On Track Ministries, transitional living, under Sherry and Samuel Daniels and was present supporting the young ladies present today; that they admitted they had problems and were looking for something different and she was asking for help for them with jobs, transitional living, etc. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Lisa Scott, 3401 Liberty Road #10, Houston, Texas (713-223-5557) appeared and stated that she wanted to thank Council Member Brown, Lovell, Johnson and Edwards; that today she was here for herself and her four girls, to make a change, once you came out of prison it was hard if you were not educated; that she went to On Track Ministries because she was tired of the revolving door and wanted a change; and ended by singing "I Believe I Can Fly". Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence thanked Ms. Scott for coming and stated that Council Member Lovell had already given them information and she would provide more information of a place where they trained people, allowed them to live there and buses took their children to school; and if she would call Council Member Johnson's office tomorrow he would have the information.

Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Johnson stated that he appreciated what she was doing in turning her life around; that children would be what they continued to see and now they needed to get back on the streets and grab other girls off the streets. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Brown stated that Council Members talked about the City of Houston being a city of opportunity and it was not a city of opportunity for a lot of people and they needed a new vision on solving social issues in Houston, there were too many "have nots" and he wanted to sign up to see what they could do to get a new level of thinking on saving human beings; and Ms. Drakes stated when she was younger she went from school to free organizations, but they started charging and it got higher and higher and then had to quit going, but the key was keeping kids off the streets, they were the future and the more they had to do the better the community would become; and Council Member Edwards stated that such programs needed to be funded and they could not do that by giving back \$8.00 tax credits to homeowners and they needed to vote and use money appropriately. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Courtney Green, 1950 Eldridge, Houston, Texas 77077 (281-785-9599) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Maurice Edwards, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-687-6217) appeared and stated that he was present today as a witness to what change could do to a person; that he was raised in ministry but strayed and was a criminal and into drugs and a year ago came across the In Action program which helped all people in a family environment; and today they were asking for Council's support in an emergency fund raiser being held September 16, 2006, that they come and just say they represented what they believed in which was the power of family and change. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Edwards, Mr. Edwards stated that the emergency fund raising was September 16, 2006, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at 8610 Irvington and Council would receive written invitations; and Council Member Edwards suggested Ms. Boykin get the invitations out as soon as possible as Council Member's calendars did fill up. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Lovell and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Rev. J. B. Boykin, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-697-6217) appeared and stated that for 12 years she had housed, clothed fed and networked and she had letters from many about her In Action program and she believed Council Members when they said there was no money but they did have resources, connections, the media followed them and their fund raiser was Saturday, September 16, 2006, from noon to 6:00 p.m. at 8610 Irvington at Berry Road; and Council Member Edwards stated Rev. Boykin should get with her as she had

another location for her to go to and speak of the event. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Sara Rodriguez, 919 Caperton, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-697-6217) appeared and stated that she was with In Action and they did need financial help; that they helped the community, all races; and if they would just give them 3 minutes they could come and see what they did. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Garcia and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Richard Austin, Houston, Texas 77022 (713-697-6217) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado and Sekula-Gibbs absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Cristbal Patino, 8800 Broadway #5189, Houston, Texas 77061 (no phone) appeared and stated that he was speaking on behalf of all those just heard in relation to disregard and misuse of funding such as wanting another rail system when this one was funding; funds should not be given to METRO when money was misused and instead it could be better utilized being given to Public Works, etc. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. James Partsch-Galvan, 1611 Holman, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-528-2607) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Linda Murray was previously called and not in the Council Chamber, but had now arrived and was called on to speak at this time. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Linda Murray, 6207 Bending Oaks, Houston, Texas 77050 (281-449-5232) appeared and stated that she could not imagine why Council would hold open hearings when 80% of their constituency could not attend and why should they call the City Secretary to sign up when other governments permitted constituents to sign up on the web; and when her Riverwood community was annexed it was done to counter balance the Kingwood annexation because they were democratic, but they were being taxed and without one single service including no city bus service; that her area also had no curbside recycling. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Khan stated that pointing out such issues was very important and it was amazing how far behind they were as a society in terms of recycling and it was going to take civic leadership to make it a top priority. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Sammie Jones, 1415 W. Gulfbank #211, Houston, Texas 77088 (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Acting

Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Senator Robert Horton, 3714 Bain, Houston, Texas 77026 (713-260-6144) appeared and stated that he was God; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Acting Mayor Pro Tem Berry, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-453-6376) appeared and stated that he was the official U. S. President and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:30 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 30, 2006. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Garcia, Alvarado, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent. Council Member Edwards presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Wednesday, August 30, 2006

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 30, 2006, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Ada Edwards, Addie Wiseman, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, Carol Alvarado, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Shelley Sekula-Gibbs, M.D., Ronald C. Green and Michael Berry; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Stella Ortega, Agenda Office, present.

At 8:28 a.m. the City Secretary read the descriptions or captions of items on the Agenda.

At 9:24 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck moved to suspend the rules to consider the Monthly Financial Report out of order before the Mayor's Report, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0764 ADOPTED.

9:00 A.M. - REPORT FROM CITY CONTROLLER AND THE CITY ADMINISTRATION
REGARDING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE CITY

including but not limited to, a revenue, expenditure and encumbrance report for the General Fund, all special revenue funds and all enterprise funds, and a report on the status of bond funds

Mayor White recognized Council Member Khan for a point of personal privilege. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Alvarado, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that they were fortunate to have a delegation visiting from China and asked that they stand and be recognized, that there were over 20 people visiting from 14 different governmental regions and airports in China, they were in Houston for one week of airport management training provided by the Houston Airport System, it was the fourth

group the Airport System had hosted from China as part of an ongoing program with Civil Aviation Management Institute of China, which was part of the Civil Aviation Administration of China. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White recognized City Controller Annise Parker. Council Members Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Ms. Parker stated that this was the Monthly Financial Report for the period ending July 31, 2006, the first month of the new Fiscal Year and they would notice that the monthly report had a new cover and the column had rolled forward and the previous budget was now 2006, there had been several significant changes in their revenue projection since the TRANS report was issued back in May 2006, they had a good bit of discussion on it yesterday, but in the Controller's office they had reduced their Property Tax projection by \$8 million in anticipation of a Property Tax rollback by Council to comply with Proposition 1, the latest census figures just received from the Federal Census Bureau were lower than the population estimate used for their original Prop 1 calculation and also for the administration's, as a result they had revised downward their Property Tax projections, they believed there was a problem with the data accuracy, that their population had been undercounted but there was also a timing issue, neither their numbers nor the Census Bureau's accounted for the influx of Katrina evacuees, so they thought they were going to take a double hit on that, however those were the numbers that they were required to use in their calculations, in addition to offset that they were increasing their projections for Sales Taxes and Interest Revenues by \$6 million and \$1.5 million respectively, those increases were based on higher than anticipated collection in FY06, the economy may be flattening out a little bit, but again Sales Tax, their numbers, continued to show a nice upward trend, that they would notice that they were projecting an amount needed to balance the budget of \$23.6 million, again it was attributed to the anticipated Property Tax Rate adjustment that she had mentioned as well as a \$17.3 million draw down of the Fund Balance that was in the budget adopted by Council, that she was aware there was a ballot initiative that may amend Props 1 and 2 but under normal circumstances the City would be required to set the tax rate by October 1, 2006, long before the November 2006 election so they were reflecting that in the monthly report, that because of an increased number of tax protests HCAD may not be able to deliver the certified tax roll to them timely and then they would have sixty days to set the tax rate, there was a possibility that it could push them past the November 2006 election but she did not know that it would happen so they wanted Council to be aware of what the impact would be on the tax rate, they also had in front of them an updated Katrina Aid and Recovery Fund sheet, they skipped the last couple of months and decided it was time to bring it up to date, there was a month more data in the separate sheet than there was in the Monthly Report and that was actual transactions it was not encumbrances, if they went down to the year to date column they would see \$14 million on hand, they actually had \$24 million on hand, they were just showing the \$10 million pay back of the City advance, they had nearly \$11 million of worksheet expenses to FEMA so it should look like they were in good shape with about a little over \$3 million to the good, but there were expenses still out there that were not reflected on the sheet, so they still needed to be reimbursed on direct expenses by FEMA, and that concluded her report. Council Members Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Lovell and Berry absent.

Ms. Judy Gray Johnson, Director, Finance and Administration, stated that they took a little bit different approach than the Controller did in terms of the revenue and expense estimates, since it was the very first month of the fiscal year that they were reporting on and while they did think there was a possibility that Sales Tax could be higher than budgeted, and some other things, they just decided that they would wait another month or so until they actually had a bit more data to work with, right now they were seeing a good trend on Sales Tax but they had absolutely zero information that applied to the current fiscal year on that, they had seen that the opening Fund Balance was showing up higher than expected at this point she would caution

that as they put preliminary on audited figures together the process itself meant that there were still likely to be adjustments and at that point in time the adjustments that were downward tended to be more common than those coming upward, it was just a factor of how expenditures get booked and they often had a longer time to get those expenditures and expenses all put on the books than to get the revenues on the books, they still did expect that the ending Fund Balance from last year was going to be significantly higher than they thought it would be a month ago, they were showing \$180 million, it may not be that high but probably at least \$170 million, so that was certainly some good news, in the expense column they were showing \$1 million expense for the election and that estimate they thought was a little bit high and conservative, they already transferred funds in August after the date of the report from the Contingency Account to the Elections Account, they had added a new page for the HEC center in the Performance Reporting category, it was a chart on page 21 that did not say very much now but they hoped as they saw some trends over the years that it would be informative, what it was indicating and tracking was the percentage of calls for 9-1-1 and non emergency calls that were answered within 10 seconds and also showing the call volume, so it would be an important tracking going forward, they needed to show what the volume of the calls coming into the HEC center were, both emergency and non emergency, see how they were managing to deal with increases or decreases and hoped that they would be able to meet the goals of 90% of emergency calls answered in 10 seconds and 80% of non emergency calls, they were above that level for the first month, better than that for the emergency calls, but not as good for the non emergency calls, if there were any other reports, and they were working on a couple of other graphs that were not ready, if there was anything else they would like to have added to the monthly report to please let them know, they were happy to accommodate that, and that concluded her report. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that he wanted to thank the Controller and the Director of F&A, their public service as elected and career professionals had greatly benefited the community, that public finance and their budget had really risen above politics by and large and he could not tell them how much he appreciated that. Council Members Wiseman and Berry absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Ms. Parker stated that they had about \$24 million on hand and had worksheets into FEMA of about \$11 million that they hoped to be reimbursed for that had not been approved; and Ms. Johnson stated that she did not think she was as clear as she should have been, what she was talking about in terms of the \$180 to \$181 million, which could be a little lower, was the opening Fund Balance for the current fiscal year, how they ended on June 30, 2006, which was in the first paragraph, what they were projecting to end the year at the end of Fiscal 2007 they showed two figures, one was the \$169 million, which was the projected ending unreserved, undesignated Fund Balance, that compared to the \$181 million to begin with, so they expected to end the year, this year, with less than they started with, but were starting with more than they thought so that was the compromise, the \$191 million was the figure including the Rainy Day Fund and the Sign Abatement Fund, that they expected to spend more than they expected to take in for the current fiscal year, that they did plan and budget to spend down about \$17 million and had not changed that at this point, that after they spend \$17 million more than they take in they still expect to end up with about \$169 million, and Ms. Parker stated that it was not a surplus in the sense that they needed to reserve 5% and they attempt to reserve 7.5% so the only surplus would be above those two points. Council Member Wiseman absent.

Mayor White stated that the Council Member had raised a very important question that every Member who intended to be on the Council and did not intend to resign tomorrow was interested in and they had covered it two or three times, but it was one of the most important things that he could say on the budget, the administration had a plan that was a multi year plan for the budget, it was like a rolling five year plan, like they would have in a business, and that

plan had been to strengthen the City's bond ratings where the only issue was the amount of cash reserve, something that Controller Parker was talking about when she was on the City Council and others, to maintain cash reserves that were sufficient to encounter bad times, and then through economies and building some surpluses allow them to do some of those things that required multi year commitments, such as building up the police force, making capital improvements in accordance with the bond issue, having a firefighter contract and those things where the cost escalated over time, instead of escalating taxes they would use surpluses that they had built up so that each Council could continue to increase the senior exemption and they would not have to raise the property tax rate because there were out year expenditures that were greater, that they had cash reserves and in addition to those needed cash reserves they had built cash reserves which would allow them to pay tomorrow's bills for today's expenditures, that is if they had seven new academy classes then those folks would have full salaries for a full year and they had reserved sufficient funds to be able to pay those salaries, that they had been thinking into the future and building cash reserves so that somebody could not get by and make an expenditure today, have a note due tomorrow and then hand it off to another Council to say they were going to raise property taxes because they signed the firefighters contract that had automatic escalations, so their plan would be in the next year or two to use the surplus over their reserve needs to fund some of the commitments and obligations that had been made in the year's budget that they had voted on, that would be the plan. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Khan asked if the drop in Municipal Court just a delayed revenues or were they lost because of what ever problem they were having with the Municipal Court computer system, and Mayor White stated that they would get Council Member Khan a report and copy the other Council Members, and Council Member Khan stated that in the police department staffing they had added close to about 100 officers in July did that reflect the retirees that were hired back and were they part of the budget or an additional allocation for hiring back the retirees, and Mayor White stated that he wanted everybody to know that when they considered the amount of overtime that they had expended it was equivalent to a substantial increase in the police force, the amount of overtime began at the beginning of December and escalated sharply on January 1, and asked Ms. Johnson when the 20 retirees were added, and Ms. Johnson stated that what they did show was the number of retirees in July on police and was very close to what was expected and planned for, the number of people who were police officers at the end of July was higher than at the beginning because they had a cadet class that graduated, so what they were showing on page 20 was what the total classified staffing was month by month, they were working on another graph that would compare that to plans but that was not ready for this month, and Mayor White stated that they would get Council Member Khan something about the first day of payroll and how they were accounted for in the statistics of the 20 retirees who were added back to the rolls within the Police Department, and Ms. Johnson stated that they were not shown in these statistics, and Council Member Khan asked if Mayor White had any plans for the pension plan, that they still had over \$2 billion unfunded liability and sooner or later it would be coming due, and Mayor White stated that very specifically each of the pension plans had different circumstances, Police and Fire were in good shape and had multi year agreements in place, that on Municipal their contributions were set for a period of three years, then there would be a period of discussions and negotiations and thought there were some very deep and wise undertaking by their new chief pension executive that should be used to address that period of time. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Alvarado stated that the Director of F&A talked about the expense for the election and some time ago she had asked that somebody from the administration sit down with the County Clerk and go over the formula that was used, that their portion always seemed to be a little higher than they would think it would be, that the Controller talked about the census numbers and how it related to Prop 1, that the National League of Cities had asked if there were any cities that wanted to challenge the alleged under count and she was hoping that they would

send a written testimony, there was going to be a hearing September 6, 2006 in Washington and she thought they ought to take part in that, especially when they talked about budget shortfalls where they had federal funds that were tied to population based federal formulas that certainly had a lot of impact, that a lot of the grants and programs related to public safety and health related issue that they got federal funding for was tied to population based and if they were not there to challenge it they were going to continue to have shortfalls. Council Member Berry absent.

Council Member Green moved to accept the Monthly Financial Report, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0765 ADOPTED.

Council Member Edwards stated that the 2006 budget for Homeland Security was \$41.1 billion and asked if they could give her some figures as to the City of Houston and what kinds of monies they received out of that budget, and Ms. Parker stated that she would get with Ms. Johnson on that and they would get her some numbers. Council Member Berry absent.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Creation of Gulf Coast Freight Rail District and TXDOT Freight Rail Report

Mayor White stated that the last Legislature approved the creation of a freight rail district, their regional public objectives on freight rail were twofold, number one, they wanted to avoid the disruption of freight rail lines to their mobility, any negative impacts on mobility, safety and the quality of life in their neighborhoods, these were the public interests, obviously the railroad had private interest, another public interest was to make sure that people shipping goods out of the area, where the goods originated in the area, were receiving shipments for their businesses in the area, had adequate multiple service alternatives that were reliable for shipping and receiving those goods, those were the two objectives, that Houston was where 17 rails met the sea and they were a trade depot but now that they were in an urban area the role of rail was a little bit different and required different operating procedures, that to address the issues they could not do it within one jurisdiction so the City, County, the Port and several counties came together, and Ann Travis provided some real leadership on this, to come up with a freight rail district authorization, the first district would consist of several entities being the City of Houston, Harris County, Fort Bend County and the Port of Houston and he negotiated that personally with County judges of each of those jurisdictions by March or April, signed it and had an agreement, he knew it had delayed three times in the Harris County Commissioners Court and Fort Bend County was prepared to move and he thought they together would be prepared to move and the features of the rail board was that it did not have any taxing authority, it required multiple consents to do anything, but it was really a vehicle for regional decision making so the decisions were not simply made unilaterally by railroad, they wanted to be partners with TXDOT and they had done some good work and the City supports TXDOT funding of multiple means of transportation, they were the Department of Transportation and not just the department of highways and they recognized that, but they needed some kind of mechanism to have some regional decision making in the freight rail district and their intent would be on the passage of Harris County to get the other jurisdictions to pass it, the second page was just for their information, it was nothing that the City had sponsored, at his request and with the County Judge and Commissioners consent and the majority of the Congressional delegation, who was also in attendance in a meeting in October or November 2004, they had asked on behalf of the region the elected leadership, Art Story to lead a multi jurisdictional planning group that identified the highest priorities to de-bottleneck the rail, which was grade separations, a good example of it would be the grade separation at Harrisburg which would help them relieve rail congestion, that was trains not getting there on time and sitting across streets, which was reduced 70% since their program went into effect to monitor that, that they still had some trains across streets and it would improve mobility on important major thoroughfares, there were a lot

of grade separations that were in the particular plan, TXDOT had recently released sort of an engineering plan which he would say were engineering possibilities plan, that it would be some engineering possibilities of how they relieved congestion on the railroads, that no decision had been made by anybody about any of this and TXDOT would be the first, that they could not make these type of decisions simply on engineering criteria, they needed community and stakeholder input, that the ball was rolling and he thought the first step was in the Harris County Commissioners Court. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor White stated that mechanisms of accountability were carefully built in, that number one, the City of Houston insisted that there be people who were appointed by elected bodies, the City Council, the Commissioners Court of Harris County and Fort Bend County, there were none that were appointed by unelected bodies, that second, they did not have any power to tax or have eminent domain unless people agreed to it, the elected body, the City and the County, that the district could not propose something in Fort Bend County without the elected officials of Fort Bend County agreeing to it, that he thought it applied to both counties. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mayor White stated that they would proceed to the consent agenda. Council Members Wiseman and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 35

MISCELLANEOUS - NUMBERS 1 through 4

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **BOILER CODE REVIEW AND LICENSING BOARD**:
 - Position One - **MR. RODNEY H. LEWIS**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 2, 2007
 - Position Two - **MR. ROGER STEPHENS**, reappointment, for a term to expire January 2, 2008
 - Position Three - **MR. BILLY E. JACKSON**, appointment, for a term to expire January 2, 2007
 - Position Four - **MR. ROBERT HILL**, reappointment, and as Chair, for a term to expire January 2, 2008- was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0766 ADOPTED.
3. RECOMMENDATION from Fire Chief for Injury on duty leave and salary continuation extension for Firefighter **PAUL RANDLE** - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0767 ADOPTED.

Mayor White stated that Mr. Billy Jackson was in the audience and thanked him for his service.

ACCEPT WORK - NUMBERS 6 through 8

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Building Services Department for approval of final contract amount of \$1,404,494.50 and acceptance of work on contract with **BERGEN ELECTRICAL CORPORATION** for Jones Hall Improvements Mechanical & Electrical, GFS B-0038-02-3 01.19% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0768 ADOPTED.

7. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$13,776,933.51 and acceptance of work on contract with **TEXAS STERLING CONSTRUCTION, L.P.** for Kirby Drive Reconstruction from IH-610 to Brays Bayou, GFS N-0775-01-3 (SB9081) - 02.58% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and D - EDWARDS** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0769 ADOPTED.
8. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$7,505,152.82 and acceptance of work on contract with **CRAIG, SHEFFIELD & AUSTIN, INC** for Sims South Wastewater Treatment Plant Lift Station Replacement and Scott Street Wet Weather Facilities Improvements, GFS R-0265-22-3 (WW4806-02) - 00.11% over the original contract amount - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0770 ADOPTED.

MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA WERE CONSIDERED AS FOLLOWS:

MISCELLANEOUS

2. RECOMMENDATION from Director Finance & Administration Department for renewal of membership in the **NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES** - \$37,218.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Sekula-Gibbs and Lawrence.
4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering to expend funds for traffic signal operations and maintenance on the Metro Light Rail Traffic Signal System pursuant to the Operations and Maintenance Agreement between the City of Houston and **METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS** - 1 Year - \$178,500.00 General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado, and tagged by Council Member Berry.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Members Wiseman and Holm added their tag to Item No. 4. Council Members Lawrence and Alvarado absent.

DAMAGES

5. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **YOLANDA DONNER v. City of Houston, Texas, et al;** in the 164th Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas \$100,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Lawrence absent. MOTION 2006-0771 ADOPTED.

PROPERTY

9. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney to deposit the Award of Special Commissioners, into the Registry of the Court, pay all costs of Court and not file any objections to the award in connection with eminent domain proceeding styled City of Houston v. Benjamin Tristan, et al., Cause No. 855,655; for acquisition of Parcel AY3-432; for the **HALLS BAYOU HIKE AND BIKE TRAIL PROJECT (Hirsch - Missouri Pacific R.R.);** CIP N-000420-0031-2 (f.k.a. N-0420-31-1) \$74,717.00 - Street & Bridge Consolidated Fund -

DISTRICT B - JOHNSON - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0772 ADOPTED.

PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS

10. **RAPISCAN SYSTEMS, INC** - \$402,732.02 and **METOREX SECURITY PRODUCTS, INC** - \$72,000.00 for X-Ray Scanners and Metal Detectors from the State of Texas Building and Procurement Commission's Contract through the State of Texas Cooperative Purchasing Program for the Building Services Department - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0773 ADOPTED.
11. **ADA RESOURCES, INC** for Fuel, Aviation Gasoline and Turbine for Police Department \$1,010,000.00 - General Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2006-0774 ADOPTED.
12. **RUSSELL REYNOLDS ASSOCIATES** for Professional Executive Search Services for radio communications personnel - \$42,600.00 - General Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia.

Upon questions by Council Members, Mayor White stated that as to interoperability, they would migrate to the 700 to 800 megahertz frequency and that by its technical design would allow technical interoperability, that shared facilities, were their ways to share costs if they had a tower did they use the same transmitter from that tower, did they share the tower, the same with the base station and trunk lines, that governances type issues and too often these political jurisdictions where people did not know about electronic engineering or commercial contracts got hung up on the governance issues but they would have interoperability if they moved to a 700 to 800 megahertz system, they ought to try to share some facilities to drive down costs, but then ultimately on the governance issues he thought there was some good management principles to things like people needed to be accountable to direct line organization they were serving, that interoperability was their objective period.

Upon further questions by Council Members, Mr. Hall stated that they had raised the question that made the position so important to them, all of the questions had to be considered, analyzed and resolved going forward, the Mayor had directed that they not spend all of their money for each one of these issues on separate consultants but that they try to find that expertise who worked for them and who helps guide them in what ultimately could be for them over the next five years or so as much as \$150 million, they had to replace the radios that have worn out, all of those issues had to be considered, that they frankly were not aware of what the real description ought to include for the person they were looking for which was why they had the first phase to try to identify what they were talking about, what did they need the person to have experience and background in to help lead them and that was what literally they wanted that person to do, when they get that person the Mayor had approved an interface with the County and other entities on two levels, one was on the technical level to deal with the issues of sharing of facilities, the potential for efficiencies that they could collectively achieve and then at another level that he basically would lead with assistance from Richard Lewis and others, the governance issues, but they thought that they could not make intelligent governance decisions until they decided which way they wanted to proceed in addressing all of the issues that they had identified and they were numerous and frankly fairly difficult.

After further discussion Council Member Edwards asked if the contract was limited exclusively to Reynolds, did they have access to anybody outside of Reynolds for the position, and Mr. Hall stated that he thought they did but to be candid with her they frankly queried several search firms, this was a very specialized area of expertise and they were one of the several companies that indicated they had the capacity and gave them the best proposed price. Council Members Sekula-Gibbs and Berry absent.

After further discussion a vote was called on Item No. 12. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0775 ADOPTED.

13. **HACH COMPANY-LACHAT INSTRUMENTS** - \$46,582.37, **DIONEX CORPORATION (Bid Nos. 1 and 2** - \$104,264.75, **AGILENT TECHNOLOGIES, INC, (Bid No. 1)** - \$78,193.60 and **ARIAN, INC** - \$40,932.64 for Laboratory Equipment for Various Departments - \$269,973.36 - Enterprise, Health Special Revenue and Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Funds - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Alvarado. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. MOTION 2006-0776 ADOPTED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES

14. RESOLUTION approving an application requesting financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman. Council Member Berry absent.
15. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Flood Plain; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented. Council Member Berry absent.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 15. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Berry absent. ORDINANCE 2006-0894 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE **AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding a portion of Old Sixth Ward as a designated area covered by such article; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Khan.

After a lengthy discussion by Council Members, Mayor White stated that Item No. 16 was tagged. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent.

17. ORDINANCE **AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding a portion of Avondale as a designated area covered by such article; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D – EDWARDS** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Khan. Council Member Sekula-Gibbs absent.
18. ORDINANCE **AMENDING ARTICLE XVI, CHAPTER 40, CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, by adding a portion of Greater Hyde Park as a designated area covered by such article; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing an effective date; providing for severability - **DISTRICT D - EDWARDS** - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman and Khan.

19. **ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 44 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to Hotel Occupancy Tax Transaction Records; containing other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for severability – was presented and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

Council Member Green stated that he would add his tag to Item No. 19 and wanted to talk to someone about the way they collected their HOT taxes, that he served on the Texas Municipal Leagues Budget and Finance Sub Committee and one of the things they brought up at their last meeting about three weeks ago was whether they were collecting HOT taxes on RV Parks, that it was a source of revenue that they probably needed to look at, that whoever was working on Item No. 19 probably ought to follow that.

Council Member Lawrence stated that the item came through committee the way it was written up, that what they were doing in this ordinance was looking at those hotels that did not keep records and charged by the hour.

Council Member Green stated that he would release his tag, and Mayor White stated that the item was still tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

20. **ORDINANCE** altering maximum prima facie speed limits in certain school zones in the City of Houston; making various findings and containing other provisions relating to the subject; declaring certain conduct to be unlawful and providing a penalty; providing for severability; containing a repealer; containing a savings clause – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. **ORDINANCE 2006-0895 ADOPTED.**

21. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing the submission of the budgets for Bureau of Nutritional Services, Women and Children (WIC), Tuberculosis, Title V-Part A, Associateship for Family Health Services. Titles V, XX & X for Family Planning Services, and the Immunization Program for the 2006-2007 Contracts with the Department of State Health Services (TDH Contract No. 7460011640-07); authorizing the Director of the Health and Human Services Department to accept the initial funding and applicable contract change notices and expend approved funding; to accept any supplemental change notices during the grant period; declaring the City's eligibility for such grants; authorizing the use of Interim funding from the General Fund, not to exceed 15% of the requested level of funding for the WIC Program, and declaring intent to reimburse the General Fund from proceeds received from the Department of State Health Services for the WIC Program; authorizing the Director of the Health & Human Services Department to accept and expend such grant funds and to accept and expend subsequent awards, if any – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Wiseman.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that she wanted to thank Ms. Kathy Barton and Mr. James Shockley for providing them some information on the grants that were being applied for through the Department of Health and Human Services, that she asked for a five year spreadsheet on what their grant allocations had been and they did provide that to her, and she asked if the grant money was going to other clinics or was it just money they were losing out at the federal level, that she also like to know about the influenza preparedness, and Mayor White stated that they would get her that information.

22. **ORDINANCE** approving and authorizing first amendment to Contract #FC57195 between the City of Houston and **O'BRIEN OIL POLLUTION SERVICE, INC** for Bioterrorism Exercise Consulting Services – was presented.

Council Member Sekula-Gibbs stated that O'Brien Oil Pollution Service was an interesting name and they were going to be providing them with table top exercises for bio terrorism preparedness, that she would tag the item and wanted to know how were they going to incorporate their experiences in terms of bio terrorism preparedness with the facilities that were pretty important to that preparedness, the Texas Medical Center, the hospitals in the region and the physicians as well as the other health care providers in the region and it did not really elaborate that and she wanted to know if it was one of the focuses, that she wanted to know how much experience the company had, and she would also like to know about the influenza preparedness, she would like to know about their level of expertise in that arena as well, and Mayor White stated that they would get her that information.

23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 94-675, passed July 6, 1994, which approved and authorized submission of the Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected use of Funds for the 20th Community Development Block Grant Program Year to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under the authority of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended - **DISTRICTS C - CLUTTERBUCK and D - EDWARDS** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0896 ADOPTED.
24. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2004-0685, passed on June 30, 2004, which approved and authorized submission of the 2004 Consolidated Plan and the grant application for the 30th Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program Year – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0897 ADOPTED.
25. ORDINANCE amending City of Houston Ordinance No. 2005-607, passed on May 11, 2005 which approved and authorized submission of the 2005 Consolidated Plan and the grant application for the 31st Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Program Year, among others **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0898 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** providing up to \$2,350,195.17 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for the Administration of an Emergency Shelter Grants Program, which amount includes a limitation on additional funding in the amount of \$2,017,133.00 - 1 Year – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0899 ADOPTED.
27. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** providing up to \$752,500.00 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for the implementation, oversight and delivery of a Child Care Program, which amount includes a limitation on additional funding in the amount of \$729,093.52 1 Year – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0900 ADOPTED.
28. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City of Houston and **CHILD CARE COUNCIL OF GREATER HOUSTON** providing up to \$833,500.00 in Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for the implementation, oversight and delivery of a Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Program, which amount includes a limitation on additional funding in the amount of \$787,906.48 - 1 Year – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0901 ADOPTED.
29. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,000,000.00 out of the TIRZ Affordable Housing Fund (Fund 2409) and approving and authorizing third amendment to Land Assembly Grant

Agreement between the City of Houston and the **LAND ASSEMBLAGE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("LARA")** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0902 ADOPTED.

30. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement by and between the City of Houston and **AVIS RENT A CAR SYSTEM, INC** for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport Revenue - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0903 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing lease agreement by and between the City of Houston and **BUDGET RENT A CAR SYSTEM, INC** for certain premises at William P. Hobby Airport Revenue - **DISTRICT I - ALVARADO** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0904 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE **AMENDING SECTION 9-54(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS** relating to Commercial Carrier Service at the City's Airports - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Johnson, Edwards, Lawrence, Garcia, Khan and Brown.
- 32a. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Shared Ride Concession Agreement by and between the City of Houston, Texas and **ADAMS SYSTEMS, L.L.C., d/b/a SUPERSHUTTLE HOUSTON** Revenue - was presented, and tagged by Council Members Wiseman, Johnson, Edwards, Lawrence, Garcia, Khan, Brown and Green.
33. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **ARAMARK CORRECTIONAL SERVICES, INC** C59651 for Jail Food Services for Houston Police Department – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0905 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SMITH-MOBELY, INC** for Securing Dangerous Buildings Services for Police Department – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0906 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE finding and declaring public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project known as the Aldine Westfield Paving Project from Tidwell to Little York; authorizing the acquisition of certain real property interests within the right-of-way alignment and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations of such real property and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees for and in connection with the acquisition of 86 parcels of land, as they abut and are aligned adjacent to, Aldine Westfield Road between Tidwell and Little York Streets, situated within the G. Jensen Survey, A-1268, E. Johnson Survey, A-1082, H & T.C.R.R. Co. Survey, A-449, E.S. Phelps Survey, A-1572, W. H. Knott Survey, A-1450 and H.& T. C. R. R. Co. Survey A-427, and being more specifically located within or in close proximity to the following subdivisions: Archer's of Wright Acres, Section 2, Dunbar Place, Clifton Place, Sunrise Gardens, Westfield Terrace, Sunny-land Farms, Vernon Place, Woodsdale Section 1, Woodsdale Section 2 Replat, Houston Suburban Gardens, and Pecan Grove an unrecorded subdivision Houston, Harris County, Texas **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0907 ADOPTED.

36. MOTION by Council Member Khan/Seconded by Council Member Alvarado to adopt recommendation from Finance & Administration on award to **JOHN DEERE COMPANY** for Grounds Keeping Equipment through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative for Parks & Recreation and Public Works & Engineering Departments - \$347,473.34 - Enterprise, Equipment Acquisition Consolidated and Park Revenue Special Revenue Funds – (**This was Item 15 on Agenda of August 23, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON**) – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. MOTION 2006-0777 ADOPTED.
37. RECOMMENDATION from Finance & Administration Department on award to **FORAY, LLC d/b/a FORAY TECHNOLOGIES** for Authenticated Digital Asset Management System for Houston Police Department - \$51,500.00 - Grant Fund – (**This was Item 17 on Agenda of August 23, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN**) – was presented, moved by Council Member Alvarado, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. nays none. MOTION 2006-0778 ADOPTED.
38. RECOMMENDATION from Finance & Administration Department on award to **RCC CONSULTANTS, INC** for Purchase of Consulting Services through the Houston-Galveston Area Council in the amount of \$398,926.00 - Grant Fund – (**This was Item 24 on Agenda of August 23, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN**) – was presented, moved by Council Member Alvarado, seconded by Council Member Green. All voting aye. nays none. MOTION 2006-0779 ADOPTED.
39. ORDINANCE consenting to the creation of **HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 415 - DISTRICT E - WISEMAN** – (**This was Item 38 on Agenda of August 23, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER WISEMAN**) – was presented. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0908 ADOPTED.
40. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Reinstatement, Modification and Extension Agreement between the City of Houston and **APTDF, LTD.**, to provide for the Reinstatement of the Note and Security Instruments, Modification of the loan agreement, and extension of the term of the loan **DISTRICT F - KHAN** – (**This was Item 46 on the Agenda of August 23, 2006, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER KHAN**)– was presented.

Council Member Khan stated that this was one of those situations where their Housing Department had worked very hard to find a very good solution to one of the problems they had with the apartment complex but the most important point was that they had worked with the owner to start taking security measures.

A vote was called on Item No. 40. All voting aye. nays none. ORDINANCE 2006-0909 ADOPTED.

MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Green stated that he had mentioned earlier that he served on the Committee with the Texas Municipal League and another thing that they discussed in the meeting was a new phenomena with the Texas General Land Office where they were going into certain areas of the State and purchasing property, which was not a bad thing but what was happening was that some cities, most specifically San Marcos had found itself competing with the State in offering tax incentives and different things to attract businesses to that region, that the General Land Office went in and bought a big tract of land and offered a tax incentive to a Target, which was okay to get the Target to locate in that city but it was a Target that was

already in the City, so Target kind of played the State against the city, the city would not offer them any more tax incentives to build a new strip center so they went to the State, who bought the land and gave them a ground lease, that the land was actually still owned by the State so there were no taxes to be paid on it and then the State turned around and offered tax incentives to the Target, which was a major tract of land for a small city like San Marcos, that he thought it was something that they ought to start looking at as it related to purchases of land by the General Land Office in this area. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Mayor White stated that with Wal-Mart he agreed with Council Member Green wholeheartedly, that State government buys land to remove from the local tax roll and then leases it back. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Green stated that as to the recent lawsuit that the City was involved in the case regarding the false claims act that was filed regarding the HUD fund and the inspection, he thought the name was the Monty Partners and last week Judge Ellison dismissed all of the claims brought by Marsha Farmer, that it was where they were sued because of inspections that were done and because of some of the work that was done by some of their subcontractors, that it was potentially a \$79.7 million judgment against the City, all of the counts were dismissed, that he talked about it because of the law firm itself, of which he did not know anybody involved in it but did know it was an MWBE firm that acted as a prime in the case and thought it highlighted what they needed to look at, it was a firm that although it was an MWBE, it performed excellent work and thought they needed to take note of that, that there were some firms out there that had the same capacity and if given the chance they would perform. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Brown stated that it was good to be back and shared with his colleagues a 3 minute hourglass that he received as a gift. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Brown stated that on Tuesday morning he saw Mayor White and Mayor Shirley Franklin on CNN and Mayor White did a really great job and made the City look good. Council Members Lawrence, Khan, Holm and Sekula-Gibbs absent.

Council Member Brown stated that there was a lot of concern in Europe about what the United States was doing on a global basis, that they felt it in Europe very strongly, that it was interesting to get away and get a different perspective. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that he wanted to commend Mayor White on the initiative of cleaning out the unintended consequences of Proposition 2, that they had a number of pressing problems, whether it was flooding or traffic mobility issues, housing and so forth and he would hate for the City to be in the position where they were saying that giving money back to taxpayers and saying they had to solve their own neighborhood crime problem, flooding problem or fix their own potholes, that was not an efficient way to do it and it seemed to him it was a pretty good argument, that they were supposed to be protecting tax payers and property owners, that Mayor White was absolutely on the right side and actually promoting many of the objectives that the authors of Proposition 2 thought they were advancing, that he would urge Mayor White to be as tough as he could be on that issue. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that there was an interesting phenomenon that was being written about called the re-urbanism of the American city, that it was a movement back to the

city but it could go two ways, the components of that were thought to be immigrants and of course they understood that very clearly here and an expanding Black population, a White middle class that was moving back to the city from the suburbs and in general public policy he thought they had a great opportunity to encourage a very positive re-urbanization of the city but they had to have neighborhoods that were not so exclusive. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they had some exciting news in District C for the residents of Braeswood Place, they finally had their lights back on and she wanted to express her thanks to Lee Mersne in Public Works and Engineering and the Contractor and Centerpoint Energy and the good neighbors of Braeswood Place and her chief of staff Tim Douglas who did an outstanding job pulling all of the parties together. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to talk about issues in the neighborhood relating to some of the non profits that had some of the leases that were considered under market and she wanted to thank Mr. Issa Dadoush for working to see that there was a win win situation on that, that she had spent some time at the Willow Pool which was a pool that supplemented and complimented the one and only public pool in District C in that they provided low cost membership and had for many years, providing swim team opportunities in neighborhoods and swim lessons that they otherwise would not have, even at the other District C pool, that they were looking to have a win win solution where the contribution that was made by the Willow Pool and other non profits to their community that the City would otherwise have to pick up would be counted in the evaluation of their lease. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that in relation to Metro, Mayor White had charged her several months ago to look after Metro to make sure they pursued the bikes on buses alternative, which many other cities had adopted and for which the Federal Government offered specific grant money and she was pleased that they were doing and personal implementation of that, but she was extremely disappointed with the lack of communication that Metro had on it, that she had sent a number of emails and letters to Metro asking for a status and update on the bikes on buses program and have received feedback only because of Mayor White and his administration sharing some of the emails and responses that they had gotten, that she had never once received an official response from Metro on that, that she would expect the Metro Board to be responsive. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Garcia, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that as to the HEC center, she continued to get a number of concerns and complaints from residences about response time and with just general confusion and lack of courtesy and kind of a convoluted response that people got when they called, the response sometimes tended to be more of a typical bureaucratic mentality, that Mr. Hall had mentioned several weeks ago that he would come back to the City Council with an update on the staffing situation at the HEC and she was especially grateful for the new chart that was going to be tracking responsiveness in terms of call times but if they could have a report on what the staffing levels were looking like and what the training was looking like she thought it was an extreme situation and one that they should not be dragging on much longer, that she knew that Mayor White had been talking about the staff issues and certainly he had a reputation of looking at the best practices in the private sector and perhaps they could look at how Fedex or any of the other dispatching entities out there handled taking care of and doing a timely response to things, if they could get a report back she would appreciate it. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Mayor White stated that there was a lot of progress made since he went berserk a few weeks ago and felt he was justified because there had been some progress made, but they would get a report back. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that she wanted to thank all of the fine folks at Public Works for the work they had done on Item No. 20, which they passed today, with respect to the school zones throughout the City, it was an important element to their traffic management. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs and Green absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that with respect to departmental disservice, a issue was brought to her attention by a constituent Mr. Richard Moore, she had forwarded to the Legal Department a request that the constituent be provided with information on the process for filing a claim with the City of Houston, that Legal sent back a letter to the constituent, the address on the letter was to another constituent and went on to address the constituent in a very condescending manner, that needless to say the constituent was not pleased at all with it, nor was she, and she would very much like to see that perhaps Legal would revisit the manner in which they correspond with constituents and perhaps look at better ways of communicating. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that had some concerns over a voicemail that was left for her assistant by Gloria Bingham, Director of 3-1-1, they continued to receive complaints from constituents about the 3-1-1 process, their lack of response when they send requests to 3-1-1, attempts to follow up with the 3-1-1 gets them nowhere, that she had sent a memo to Gloria Bingham on a matter where a constituent had contacted 3-1-1 four times on a matter regarding loose dogs and the constituent could not get anywhere with 3-1-1 and every time a constituent wanted to follow up they were told to follow up with 3-1-1, so she sent a memo to Gloria Bingham and Gloria promptly left a voice mail message for her assistant stating that she need not send memos to her, it was not her problem that she would be disregarding her memo and furthermore would probably throw it away, that she took great offense to that, obviously as an officer of the City and had a great concern that they had a Director who had taken it upon herself to throw out official government documents, because the memo did constitute an official government document, she certainly hoped that it was something they could address and rectify, she could not imagine that anyone would condone that kind of un-professionalism and further more directing that to an assistant instead of contacting her directly, that she thought that was the base of why they had serious problems with 3-1-1, that she hoped they could address it. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Wiseman stated that there was another matter that she would like for them to address, that Bay Area Transportation Partnership, she was sure Mayor White was familiar with them as they presented the Mayor with the Charles Jacobson Transportation Enhancement Award in June 2006, that as Mayor White knew they had taken the lead as an organization to assist in promoting the Mayor's efforts with flex in the City and held a workshop for the businesses in the Bay area back in July and they would be taking part in an option trial period in September and they were looking forward to see how that worked out and what kind of success stories they could see from the businesses that took part, they would be providing that information and she was looking forward to seeing, that she would like to discuss with Mayor White their membership with that organization, their membership dues were up for renewal in January and had had been trying to clarify where there had been a break in that process as far as processing that payment with Mr. Terrance Fontaine, who had done a wonderful job in assisting them in trying to address that, so she would love the opportunity of visiting with Mayor White personally to see how they could expedite the process. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that Director Marcotte and Ms. Ann Travis, on both the I-69 and on this and on the Buffalo Bayou Partnership, as well as some of the other things where people send the City sort of membership dues to pay for overhead, he just asked for scrutiny so that they kept account of those things, that he would ask somebody to report to him if they had a determination one way or another, and Council Member Wiseman stated that it would be good to make that determination before they allowed themselves to enter into another year and go more than half of the year through without addressing it with the organization. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that yesterday was the one year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and was certainly a time for healing and also a time for celebration, people were very excited and happy to see that the City did such a wonderful jobs in opening up their arms, that he had a new found respect for the Baptist Preacher who did a fantastic job at Mount Cavalry A and E, he was very well received, that he appreciated Mayor White coming out and giving the inspirational words that he did, that it was a great time, that he thought the City of Houston was spotlighted for the work that they did. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that on Thursday, August 31, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. he would be holding a candlelight vigil with Ms. Kathy Blueford, who was the parent who came to public session and talked about her son being murdered at the corner of Parker and Homestead, it was a corner store that had been a problem in the community for a number of years, that in light of her son's death she had decided that her son's death would not be in vain and would certainly continue to work hard to not only bring justice to the individual who murdered son but to make sure it was not a problem that persisted in their communities, that he was working diligently to help his community become more self sufficient, but at the same time they needed the support of the Police Department and enforcement, that as they sat around the table and talk about ordinances he thought they could not make the City more efficient unless they got more enforcement going on, especially in the places that they felt were the biggest burden and impediment to their districts and he thought for his district it had been a lot of the corner stores that allow the negative behavior to persist, that they were not only having a prayer vigil for the individual but sending a message across the district and asking that these stores cleanup their act, and as the FAST teams come in and put certain demands on and say these were the things that needed to happen before they close them down, he thought it was going to take the support of the community and that was certainly what they were going to do, so they would send a message to those store owners to clean up their act or get out of their community because they were no longer needed nor necessary, that it was said to him that there were six homicides within the general area, that he did not know if that was the case. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that yesterday at public session there were several women who came who used to be prostitutes and one of the places and areas that they would come would be to an area that certainly was a magnate, there was a hot sheet motel in the middle, not on a major thoroughfare or freeway, but in the middle of a neighborhood that served no other purpose but for that of the prostitutes, but those young ladies turned their lives around, but it was going to be the very next young lady that finds that place to be the magnate, they were going to have to find strong ordinance that closed those type of businesses down that were no longer a necessity in the community, that it was ironic, that hotel was the very first motel where Blacks could actually stay in the City of Houston, but at this time that was no longer the case, that he did not want to hurt anyone's business but when their business was hurting neighborhoods he thought from the City's standpoint they needed to send a message. Council Members Lawrence, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that there was an intersection at Parker and Homestead that a bunch of residents said it had been a serious magnate of crime and that was what Council Member Johnson had heard, that he thought it was worth it getting a little support from HPD around there. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that Mayor White had a tremendous number of friends in the convenience store business and thought if they got the business owners, the CDC and customers all involved they could come up with a solution which would be very practical, that one of the things which he always promoted was that people, when they did business in the neighborhood, they must be part of that neighborhood, if not living there to at least get involved in the community and make sure they were looked at as a member of the community. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that tomorrow morning at the International Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m., they would have Mr. Thomas Cornegie, Executive Director of the Port of Houston who would give a review of the ports facility, the economic impact that trade development tends and small business development opportunities for the Port of Houston. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that National Public Radio had a detailed discussion about Hurricane Katrina and their focus was the City of Houston and they talked about all the great things that Houston did and set an example and model for others to follow in the aftermath of Katrina, they also mentioned that most of the evacuees ended up in the southwest area of Houston and with all the additional citizens in the community there were some challenges that they talked about also, especially crime, that he wanted to thank NPR for mentioning Houston in the right fashion. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Khan stated that he wanted to thank Mayor White for choosing Sharpstown Houston for their Reach Out to Dropouts Program, it was amazing when Mayor White reached out to a student and she was so overwhelmed and showed up at the school two hours later for registration, and there was a young man who shared his story, it was not somebody who was a problem child but probably one of the more responsible, he dropped out because he had to take care of his family, his mother was working a minimum wage job, so he sacrificed so his two younger sisters could have an education but he realized the importance of the education and with the Mayor's help they would find him a job for after school, that he wanted to also commend Mrs. White. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Mayor White stated that they had a lot of hard working City employees, including the young man's mother, who worked the late shift washing dishes, that she worked for a City facility, the Hilton. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent.

Council Member Lovell stated that Houston really did shine, that yesterday on the anniversary of Katrina/Rita there was a wonderful story that Dough Miller did on Channel 11, they followed a young women that had gone through the program at HCC and went to work, that she understood that they could probably handle about 200 people but they had over 1,000 phone calls from people who wanted to be trained and be able to go to work, so it had been a very good program. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she was glad they were getting some measurements that they could see at the HEC center, that she was out all over the City all the time and was one of those people who probably used the HEC center more than anyone because if she saw something wrong she called in and reported it, and she thought it was the most important service that they provided to their citizens, the ability to see something wrong and call and want to talk to somebody in public safety and if they could not get through quickly she thought they were failing their citizens, she hoped that the HEC center could improve upon what they were doing. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated the media alerts that they were now sending to the Council Members were great, it was so nice to read it in an email rather than watching it on the news or reading it in the newspaper to find out what was going on in the City, that she appreciated it. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that on the freight plan, she sat on the Transportation Policy Committee of HGAC and if they could take that same regional approach to moving people that they were talking about moving freight they would not have the kind of confusion they were having now with their public transportation systems, that she hoped they could take the model on freight and build upon it and use it to move people around the region. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to say Happy Birthday to Estelle Stewart on her staff, that she was doing a great job. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to say Happy Birthday to her son and a welcome to her granddaughter who was visiting from California. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to commend Elena Marks and all of the reporting on Katrina and what went on in Houston, there was a constant mention about the huge triage that was set up at the George R. Brown Convention Center and knew that Ms. Marks was well involved in that, that it gave them an awesome model as to how they could deliver services to large groups of people, that they had a lot of people calling in who said they were not from Katrina but needed to see a doctor and could they go there to, that she thought it could help them alleviate some of their health problems or health issues if they could set up something like that on a quarterly basis, that she wanted to thank all of the doctors and nurses who were a part of that, that she would encourage everyone to watch the documentary that Spike Lee produced, When the Levees Broke, it was very intense and graphic but gave her a lot of understanding why they were having a lot of problems with FEMA. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to congratulate the Shape Center, their new building on Alabama and Alameda was gorgeous, they should go by and see them, they still needed help but she wanted to congratulate them for the work they were doing. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that her office entered into an agreement with the Hermann Park Conservancy to establish a fund raising effort to commission a full body statute of Martin Luther King for the Hermann Park area, and it had come to her attention that another group was using her name in their fund raising efforts to do a similar project and she wanted people to understand that the only project that the District D Office was associated with was the one that was coordinated and financial responsibility held by the Hermann Park Conservancy; that the District D office and Ada Edwards were involved in. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that in the month of September they were going to be working with various groups to do an aggressive voter registration drive in the inner city and would be every Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Breakfast Klub at Alabama and Travis, a good part of their target group would be the homeless community in that area, that she had an experience in Atlanta that when they got homeless people registered to vote they seemed to start moving towards other areas in their lives and getting more responsible, that a great percentage of them start moving to get rehabilitation and so forth, so they would be there every Saturday to register everyone who wanted to register to vote. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Edwards stated that she wanted to thank the people who worked so diligently with the Flooding and Drainage Committee on Chapter 19, that at the end they came to a consensus on an ordinance that they thought would serve the best interest of the most Houstonians in the community, that she wanted to thank the Public Works Department, who attended all of the meetings, they were there with information and support and were willing to listen, that she wanted to thank the citizens who took the time to be a part of the process, they had done the same thing for Chapter 9 and hopefully they could get that up for City Council's approval and consideration very shortly, that Chapter 19 should lower the flood insurance rates for the City because they tried to match what they were doing in the ordinance, their monitor was how do they match it towards lowering the rates for the citizens. Council Members Lawrence, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that he wanted to congratulate one of their MWBE's who had done a phenomenal job representing the City of Houston, that Monty Partners LLP, Attorneys at law represented the City of Houston on a claim that could have cost the City roughly \$80 million, but thanks to their good work and expertise on labor issues they were able to convince the U.S. District Court Judge Ellison that the claims were filed without the necessary supporting evidence to support their claim and consequently they were able to get the cases dismissed. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that this weekend after a lot of discussion about the Union and Chief of Police relations issues there was a good discussion that occurred and as a result the Union and the Chief both appeared to have a sense of hopefulness and a new level of cooperation and communication and respect for one another, that he wanted to commend Mayor White because he knew that the Mayor was instrumental in making that discussion occur through Mr. Nichols involvement, that he hoped that the media would focus on public safety and giving their professionals the support and direction they needed. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Garcia stated that last week a near unfortunate situation could have occurred but thankfully to the could procurement on behalf of the Police Department and that the officer did what was required of him, Officer Starr survived a gunshot in the sternum area that could have been a fatal shot, that he wanted to commend the officer and the Police Department and whoever was buying the equipment, that it demonstrated how those vests do and did save lives, that he wanted to thank the officer for not making the week tougher than it should have been, that they were keeping him in their prayers and all of the officers, that he worked the night shift out of the northwest patrol division. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that he respected HPD and the men and women in Iraq who were out there hauling heavy equipment, that vests protected them and protected the public interest, that he thought the officer had drawn his own conclusion but it was a tough job to wear those vests, but they did serve a purpose; that he wanted to thank Mike Nichols and Mr. Wexler from Washington D.C. for the Police Executives Organization and Mr. John Williams who had requested to be there and provided a very constructive role designated by the Union and Chief Hurtt, who he had full confidence in and who judgment was good and Hans Marticiuc, that they discussed many specifics, that it was sort of sad that they had somebody say some things about the Police Chief that on multiple days got a lot of press and then they did what Council Member Lovell said and got the folks together who talked it through and they got a plan of action that was very supportive. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that when they had discussions about Senate Bill 5 in the last legislative session they were talking about cities losing their rights to negotiate franchise agreements directly with the service providers, that she got two letters from East End businesses and it reminded her of some of the issues that came up during the discussion of Senate Bill 5, businesses located in the Lockwood and Telephone area that were not able to get DAL or cable services, that she talked about having measures so that cable companies could not cherry pick where they wanted to provide services, so she knew they had new legislation in place but they had a new company, Comcast, who would be buying out Time Warner and hoped that as the transition occurs that it was one of the issues that they approached with them as they would probably have to look at the agreement with the new company. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that last week they had another great success in the area of the environment and she wanted to thank a few people, the TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) fined Valero \$700,000 in fines, that it was one of the largest penalties that the TCEQ had issued, that \$700,000 went directly to the State's General Fund, what the City benefited was \$100,000 of reinvestment in the community, Valero agreed to do \$25,000 in scholarships for kids in Manchester that went to Milby High School and then \$75,000 in weatherizing 50 homes in the community, that it was the second company that they had reached an agreement with, the first was Texas PetroChem and she could not thank the Mayor and the administration enough, they had a great team of people and she wanted to give thanks to Elena Marks, Paulette Wilson in Legal, Arturo Blanco, Dan Hoytt and Saeed Wanadeen in Health, congratulations to them, that the residents of the Manchester Community were very appreciative. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Alvarado stated that they talked about the Census Bureau and the undercount and how they thought they were way off on the numbers, that one thing they did do

right was to note that Texas still continued to lead in poverty, they ranked the lowest when it came to people in poverty, if they looked at some of the statistics 29% of the African American households in 2005 and in 2000 it was 25% and for Hispanics in 2000 26% of Hispanic households were living in poverty and now it was 30%, that really said a lot of the lack of leadership in their State, that the \$700,000 in fines they did not get any of that, they did all the work at the City, their team did and they did not get compensated enough from the State but because of their efforts in working hard and negotiating that settlement that \$700,000 went directly to the State's General Fund, another example, the Systems Benefit Fund, the money that was supposed to be used for a public awareness for a competition among electric provides, that money, several hundred thousand dollars went to the State's General Fund, it was a transfer, that it was important to keep track of those things because it did affect their budget and what they did. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 12:27 p.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Wiseman, Khan, Holm, Brown, Sekula-Gibbs, Green and Berry absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

Anna Russell, City Secretary